



Additionally, nothing in her motion or the record before the Court indicates that the factual or legal issues are sufficiently complex to justify the appointment of counsel in this matter. Thus, the Court will deny the motion without prejudice at this time. Plaintiff is advised to look to the resources the Court has collected for pro se litigants on its website at <https://www.moed.uscourts.gov/self-represented-litigants-srl> and the information on the Eighth Circuit Law Library's website at <https://www.lb8.uscourts.gov>.

Even though Plaintiff is not represented by counsel, she still must respond to Defendant's motion to dismiss. "Pro se litigants are not excused from compliance with substantive and procedural law," including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Local Rules. *Brown v. Frey*, 806 F.2d 801, 804 (8th Cir. 1986). Typically, a response to a motion to dismiss would be due 14 days after the motion was filed. *See* E.D. Mo. L.R. 4.01. Here, Plaintiff filed her motion for an extension of time to respond to Defendant's motion almost one month after Defendant filed its motion to dismiss. However, in consideration of Plaintiff's pro se status, the Court will allow Plaintiff an additional 30 days from the date of this Order to respond to the motion to dismiss.

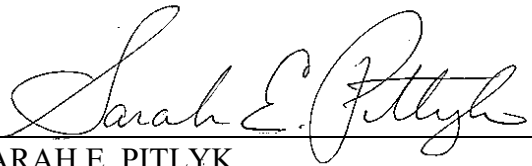
Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint Counsel, Doc. [14], is **DENIED** without prejudice.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Time, Doc. [15] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that Plaintiff must respond to Defendant's motion to dismiss, Doc. [12], within **30 days** of the date of this Order.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2023.

  
SARAH E. PITLYK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE